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a Tau value of not less than about 0.8 min.] ?

35. (amended) An absorbent article, comprising:

a backsheet layer;

a substantially liquid permeable topsheet layer;

an absorbent composite structure sandwiched between said backsheet and topsheet layers, said absorbent composite including an absorbent core having a first primary layer region and at least a second primary layer region;

at least one of said first and second primary layer regions having a Liquid Wicking Value of at least about 38%; and

at least one of said first and second primary layer regions includes a plurality of sublayers; wherein

said article is configured for use by an adult, and said absorbent core has a dry thickness of not more than about 6 mm, and a minimum crotch width of not more than about 14 cm; and

[at least one of said primary layer regions includes a superabsorbent material which exhibits a Tau value of not less than about 0.8 min.]

36. (amended) An article as recited in claim 35, wherein said first primary layer region is located on a bodyside of the absorbent composite, and said second primary layer region is located relatively outward from first layer region.

37. (amended) An absorbent article as recited in claim 35, wherein at least one of said primary layer regions includes a superabsorbent material having a Modified Absorbency Under Load value of at least about 20 g/g.

39. (amended) An absorbent article as recited in claim 35, wherein

said absorbent core has a longitudinal length, a lateral width and an appointed front-most edge;

37 said first primary layer region has a basis weight of not less than about 100 g/m<sup>2</sup> and not more than about 500 g/m<sup>2</sup> ,

said first primary layer region has a first layer region density of not less than about 0.03 g/cm<sup>3</sup> and not more than about 0.4 g/cm<sup>3</sup> ;

said first primary layer region includes fibrous material in an amount which is not less than

about 25 wt% and is not more than about 80 wt%;

said fibrous material includes fibers having fiber sizes which are not less than about 4  $\mu\text{m}$  and not more than about 20  $\mu\text{m}$ ;

said fibrous material includes fibers which exhibit a water contact angle of not more than about 65 degrees;

said first primary layer region includes a superabsorbent material in an amount which is not less than about 20 wt% and is not more than about 75 wt%;

said superabsorbent material includes superabsorbent particles having dry particle sizes which are not less than about 140  $\mu\text{m}$  and are not more than about 1000  $\mu\text{m}$ ;

said superabsorbent material has an MAUL value of not less than about 20 g/g; and

said superabsorbent material has a Tau value of not less than about 0.8 min.

Add the following new claims:

40. (new) An article as recited in claim 1, wherein said absorbent core has a dry thickness of not more than about 6 mm, and a minimum crotch width of not more than about 10 cm.

41. (new) An absorbent article, comprising:

a backsheet layer;

a substantially liquid permeable topsheet layer;

an absorbent composite structure sandwiched between said backsheet and topsheet layers, said absorbent composite including an absorbent core having a first, superabsorbent containing, fibrous primary layer region and at least a second, superabsorbent containing, fibrous primary layer region;

at least one of said first and second primary layer regions having a Liquid Wicking Value of at least about 38%; and

at least one of said first and second primary layer regions includes a plurality of sublayers; wherein

at least one of said primary layer regions includes a superabsorbent material having a Modified Absorbency Under Load value of at least about 20 g/g.

42. (new) An absorbent article, comprising:

a backsheet layer;

a substantially liquid permeable topsheet layer;